TRADE IS UNSTEADY.

FLUCTUATIONS IN IRON AND STEEL THE CAUSE

Some Shoe Factories Idle While Most Textile Industries Remain Busy-Record-Breaking Mark of March Exports -Gets Twenty-five Years in Prison.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "The formal reduction of \$5 per ton in prices of plates and bars and the closing of mills by the American Steel and Wire Company have filled this week with surprises. In the stock market and in the market for steel and iron products changes have begun, the end of which cannot well be foreseen. Apart fre he disturbance in speculation, there has en produced a measure of distrust regarding prices. There is a slightly bet ter demand for hides at Chicago, atrib-uted to their improving condition, but the distribution of boots and shoes does not keep all the factories at work. The textile industries have large orders yet to be filled which keep many of the mi busy. Wool has been inactive without change in prices. Cotton goods are by livery. The value of minor domestic ex-ports, chiefly manufactured, rose to \$50, 793,509 in March, a sum never approached in any other month. Failures for the week have been 184 in the United States, against 184 last year, and 17 in Canada against 22 last year."

PRISON FOR MAN OF SCHEMES. Actor Who Put Troupe on Road by Hold-Up" Sentenced.

C. E. Moreledge, an actor, who last winter "held up" two restaurants and a caloon in the center of the business dis trict of Kansas City single-handed, in order to get money sufficient to put his company on the road, was found guilty in the Circuit Court there and given a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary. He pleaded insanity. More-ledge was one of the prime promoters of the Topolobampo co-operative colonization idea and he originated a scheme to dam the Missouri river at Bismarck, S. D., and to divert the entire flow of waters into a gigantic ditch that would flow southward through Nebraska and Kansas and have latteral ditches that would irrigate the whole of the western parts of those States.

STARTS FIRE TO PLAY HERO,

Man Who Rewards Kindness by Burn ing a Home Pleads Guilty.

In the District Court at Atchison, Kan Thomas C. Woerman pleaded guilty to the charge of burning the costly residence of J. C. Fox, a prominent citizen, and was sentenced to serve eighteen years in the penitentiary. He admitted that the Fox family had been very good to him and that he set fire to the house in order to play the part of hero by rescuing the family and thereby make his employer feel that his kindness had been bestowed worthily.

Officer Shoots a Burglar, Marshal Porter discovered a burglar in the McConnellsville, Ohio, National Bank. He refused to surrender and drew a revolver, when Porter fired, striking him it the left side, the ball ranging along the spine, inflicting a fatal wound. After being shot the burglar walked over to the window through which the shot was fired and gave up his revolver and surrendered

Three Killed in Explosion The packing house of the Ajax dyna mite works, near Kawkawlin, Mich., was blown up, killing three men. Their bodies were forn to shreds, only enough being found to fill a bushel basket. Great tree were uprooted or torn to splinters and houses and stores in Kawkawlin were wrecked by the force of the explosion.

Leaps from High Bridge to Die. The second woman to leap from the Brooklyn bridge is Marie Rosalie Dinse She jumped and was but slightly injured She remained unconscious four hours and then, in a hysterical manner, told a story of financial difficulties.

St. Louis Hopes for Big Plant. It is rumored in St. Louis business cir cles that P. D. Armour & Co. are back ing the wholesale purchase of real estate surrounding the old Union stock yards there, with the view of establishing an immense packing plant.

More Trouble for the British. Three hundred Nigerian troops have been dispatched overland to the Gamar country, northwest of Ashanti, West Africa, where the British resident reports : recrudescence of the troubles which ne cessitated the expedition of last year.

The plant of the St. Louis Chronicie occupying the three and four-story build ings at 14 to 18 North Sixth street, St Louis, was practically destroyed by a fire. The fire is supposed to have originated in

Schley to Rank Sampson.

The strife between Rear Admirals Sampson and Schley is settled, Schley taking precedence over Sampson and to rank next to Dewey.

Colorado Fruit Damaged. The damage to fruit trees near Canyon City, Colo., from the late heavy storm and frosts is estimated at \$500,000.

Fire destroyed ten buildings in the business portion of Lewiston, Me., causing

Shot Dead in His Doorway. William Long was called to the door at his home, near Tracy City, Tenn., and shot dead. The affair is shrouded in mystery. This is the eighth murder in

the Tracy City section within the last year, and not one of the murderers has been apprehended. Ex-Congressman David G. Colson, who has been on trial at Frankfort, Ky., for

the murder of Lieut. Ethelbert Scott and Luther W. Demaree, was acquitted by the verdict of the jury.

Was a Friend of Lincoln.
Sullivan M. Cutcheon, ex-Speaker of
the Michigan House of Representatives
and prominent in local business circles,
died at his residence in Detroit, aged 67
years. While superintendent of schools
at Pittsfield, Ill., in 1858 he became an
intimate friend of President Lincoln.

Mule Wrecks Fast Freight.

A through freight train on the Southern Railway struck a mule and was wrecked while running at full speed near Huntsville, Ain. The engineer, Percy Aymstrong, and the fireman, Sundy Osborne, were killed and five of the train's crew

expedition seat out by the American Museum of Natural History of New York to explore the unknown portions of northwest Etheria, have sailed from Ban Francisco. They are Norman C. Buxton, an American, and two Russians, Waldemar Gogaras and Waldemar Jackelson. Une object of their trip will be to determine whether or not the American Indian is descended from Asiatic stock. The Russians will touch mainly upon the ethnological phase, studying the native language and songs, customs and physical characteristics of almost every tribe that lahabits the northeastern section of Siberia. Buxton will confine his work mainly to the soological field, toward making a new and rare collection of birds and mammals for the big museum in Central Park. They expect to be gone for at least two years.

ULTIMATUM FOR TURKEY.

Will Be Sent Unless the United States Will Be Sent Unless the United States

Is Paid at Ouce.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are strained to the breaking point because of the Sultan's bad faith. An ultimatum from Washington to Constantinople is a probability in the near future. The United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople will be directed to inform the Sultan that this Government must insist on the paythis Government must insist on the pay-ment, without further delay, of the \$100, 000 indemnity for outrages on American missionaries and the destruction of their property. Only prompt action on the Sultan's part can avert the ultima-tum. These claims were fully recognized as valid by Turkey more than five years ago. They have been made the subject of diplomatic representations successively by Ministers Terrell, Angell and Straus.

ROBS AN AGED WOMAN.

Young Man Gets Her to Mortgage Her W. R. Brooks, a young man, who has been boarding at the home of Mrs. Sarah Keller in Shelby, Ohio, has disappeared from the city, taking with him \$225, which belonged to the aged lady. Mrs. Keller is a widow and is nearly 80 years of age. Brooks is a young man of 25 and has been boarding at the Keller home. He worked into the good graces of the aged woman, induced her to mortgage her home, secured the money and disappeared. In order to secure the money Brooks told Mrs. Keller that an addition ought to be built to the house. It would be necessary to give the building and loan company a mortgage on the property. This Mrs. Keller consented to do, and Brooks volunteered to act as her agent.

MURDER ENDS PRACTICAL JOKE. Youth Is Killed by Father of

Younger Victim.

In Baltimore John V. Niedhart's practical joke formed a boomerang which resulted in his own death and landed his victim in jail on the charge of murder. Neidhart, who was 18 years old, prepared a pipe load of mixed tobacco and gunpow-der, which he handed to Charles M. Drebing, who is 15 years old. The explosion seriously burned Drebing, who became angry and quarreled with Neidhart, Drebing's father joined the quarrel. Finally Drebing picked up a piece of scantling and struck Neidhart with it. The youth never recovered consciousness and died

Famous Zinc Mine Is Sold. The noted Rubber Neck zinc mine Joplin, Mo., has been sold to an English syndicate. The consideration was \$300,-000. This makes an investment of \$800, 000 for this syndicate within a week. It is rumored that the syndicate has a capital of \$10,000,000 back of it, and will endeavor to form a combination for the control of the big producing mines of the Missouri-Kansas district.

Large Gifts for Church Extension. Easter gifts aggregating \$30,000 donated for the work of church extension were announced at York, Pa., by General ecretary Rev. H. H. Weber of the board of church extension of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These gifts are in the shape of special loan funds, just founded, and are to be used exclusively in territory

west of the Mississippi river. Severed Matrimony's Chain.
At Marietta, Ohio, Julius Cain, jeaious of his wife, went to a brook near his house, and in six inches of water buried his face. He remained on his stomach until suffocated. When found his clothing was dry and his head was not covered by water.

ered by water. Death Ends Swift Divorce. At Lancaster, Ohio, the divorce case f Moses Swift against Martha was to be heard and the defendant had arrived from Chicago to fight the case. The next morning the plaintiff died, the defendant on her knees at his bed-

side praying for his restoration. Armament for Sweden The Swedish riksdag has voted 3,000, 000 kroner for ammunition and rifles, 12,-000,000 for new field artillery, 820,000 for volunteer rifle associations, and has agreed to increase the new naval constructions for 1901 to 1,725,000 kroner.

Mississippi Crops Damaged. Belated dispatches from several sec-tions of Mississippi indicate that the three days' flood caused damage greatly in excess of the first estimates, especially to growing crops. Many truck planta-tions will be almost completely destroyed.

Dr. Faye Walker Resigns, Rev. Faye Walker, D. D., who for seventeen years has been president of Oxford, Ohio, College, formerly Oxford Female College, has presented his resignation to the board of trustees, and it has

been accepted. W. F. Miller Found Guilty.
William F. Miller of the Franklin syndicate was convicted in Brooklyn of grand larceny on the indictment charging him with having taken \$1,000 from Catherine Moeser under false pretenses and with the design of robbing her.

Fire in Mattress Factory.

Fire caused a loss of about \$75,000 in the big mattress and iron bed factory of Charles H. Rogers & Co. in New York. The fire was discovered in the cellar near

Five Injured by a Tornado.

Five people are injured, one fatally, and considerable property was damaged by a tornado that passed just west of

Base-Ball Season Opens.
The baseball season of 1900 opened
Thursday. Teams of the two big leagues
of the country—the National and American—are lined up for the struggle.

Turned Jerry Down.
The Populist district convention at Wichita, Kan., refused to indorse Jerry Simpson for the United States Senate. vote was 63 for and 130 against.

appleon J. Haines, aged 76 years ider of the piano firm of Haines thers, died suddenly in New York, o

Noted Plane Maker Is Dead.

Tourgee Law Is Held Valid.
Important decision of the Ohio Suthe Court was handed down in the
the Mitchell lynching case brought

WHAT VANDERBILT LEFT.

ornelius' Estate Is Appraised a About \$60,000,000.

The appraised valuation of the estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt amounts to \$80,000,000. Exclusive of the residuary estate, which is held in trust for Alfred Swynne Vanderbilt, the valuation of properties calculated from the amount of inheritance tax is only \$82,000,000. This pheritance tax amounts to \$820,272. inheritance tax is only \$32,000,000. Inis inheritance tax amounts to \$320,272, which has been paid. This sum represents what was the property of Cornellus Vanderbilt in New York, but does not include the transfer tax on the \$5,000,000 left to Cornellus Vanderbilt by his father, William H. Vanderbilt, with nower of appointment. The estate of power of appointment. The estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt was supposed to have been worth at least \$125,000,000.

THOUSANDS OF JAPS COMING.

Orientals Landing at Puget Sound is Orientals Landing at Paget Sound in Unprecedented Numbers.

The present importation of Japanese to Puget sound has reached unprecedented figures and thousands more of the subjects of the Mikado are now affoat headed this way. During the month of April 3,500 Japanese have been landed in Puget sound points and British Columbia and of sound points and British Columbia and of the men landed in the latter ports fully two-thirds find their way across the bor der. The reason for the present rush is that the Japanese are leaving their native land in consequence of the reported im-minence of war between Japan and Russia and that the closing of the gates of Hawaii has diverted the stream of Japanese this way.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL ASSURED.

J. S. Culver of Springfield Will Erec

Nancy Hanks Monument. Gov. James A. Mount and the Indian apolis members of the Nancy Hanks Memorial Association met the Spencer County Commissioners and the citizens of Rockport and Lincoln County at the latter place and agreed upon the purchase of sixteen acres of original forest surrounding the grave of the mother of Ab raham Lincoln. The county will purchase the land and the association will then ask the next Legislature to appropriate sufficient amount to park the grounds. J. S. Culver of Springfield, Ill., agrees to erect a monument on condition that the Nancy Hanks Monument Association will keep it repaired.

Officials Are Held Responsible. At Lima, Ohio, the Circuit Court has affirmed the verdict of a judgment of \$18, 000 and interest against N. L. Michael, V. P. and Gus Kalb, officials of the American National Bank at the time it was robbed of the money a year ago. The stockholders brought suit to recover the money so mysteriously stolen, alleging negligence upon the part of the officials.

Unveiling of Bartholdi Statue. Bartholdi's statue of Washington and La Fayette, the gift of Charles Broadway Rouss to the city of New York, was unveiled with fitting ceremonies in La-fayette square in the presence of more than 3,000 people. Gen. Horatio C. King made the presentation speech.

Dr. Hillis' Name Off the Lists. Newell Dwight Hillis is no longer a member of the Chicago presbytery or the Presbyterian Church. The name of the Brooklyn preacher, who renounced the confession of faith of that church, has been erased from the role of the presby

Four Rurned to Death. A large tenement house occupied by Italian and negro families near Rockint. Pa., was destroyed by fire. David Abiatte, an old man, and his three young nephews, Joseph, Pastelle and Edwir Abiatte, were burned to death.

Armour & Co. Dissolved,
After being in existence nearly forty
years the firm of Armour & Co. of Chicago has been dissolved, and the vast interests of the firm pass into the hands of the new corporation of Armour & Co.

Jennie O'Neil Potter Is Dead Jennie O'Neil Potter, the well-known elocutionist, died at St. Luke's hospital, New York, from cancer. She was 23 years old and was born in Patch Grove,

China Protects Christians. The Chinese Government has issued an edict directing all viceroys and governors to warn armed organizations that they must refrain from acts of hostility toward native Christians.

Twenty-four Persons Drowned. The French fishing boat Hoche has foundered off Crookhaven, Ireland, in a storm, twenty-four persons being drown-

Alaskan Commissioner Nominated. The President has nominated Hiram H. Folsom of Alaska to be a commissioner in and for the district of Alaska, to reside

Cigarmakers Are Locked Out. In New York 5,000 cigarmakers were locked out by six large firms.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh 10e to 12e; potatoes, choice, 20e to 35e

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white,

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs

20e to 30e.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 61c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, 60c to 62c.

Toledo—Wheat, Noo. 2 mixed, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; clover seed, old, \$4.80 to \$4.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 50c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 44c; pork, mess, \$12.75 to \$13.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$6.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.76; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$7.75.

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New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2, \$7c to \$6c; cats, No. 2 white, 20c to 31c;

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

PAST WEEK.

Idema Is Incane-Fire Staved by Blow ing Up a Building - Young Babe Found on Railroad Track-Two Men Killed by Boiler Explosion.

A Port Angeles, Wash., dispatch says Francis Herman Idema was adjudged in-sane there. He arrived direct from Chi-cago. He belongs to a prominent family residing at Grand Repids. He was first lieutenant and adjutant of the Thirty-fifth regiment, Michigan volunteers, on the staff of Gen. Young. His queer ac-tions were noted upon his arrival. They cuminated when he became intatuated with an estimable young lady he chanced to pass on the street. Next day he pro-posed marriage to her. He sent her a huge bouquet, for which he scoured the whole town. He indited amorous verses to her and dogged her footsteps until some action became imperative. One of the examining physicians, Dr. Appleton, knew his relatives in Michigan and he

Dynamite Saves a Village. Dynamite saved Sidnaw, a village of 600 inhabitants, from destruction. Fire started in a newspaper office and burned that and the building adjacent and threatened to sweep down the town's single street. All the buildings are of wood and Sidnaw has no fire engine and the loss of the town seemed certain until a two-story building which was next to the track of the fire was blown up with dynamite. The fire failed to jump the space thus created and the town was saved. The total loss is between \$4,000 and \$5,000, with

Crosswell Warehouse Burned. The large storage shed of the Livingtone Flax Co., located in Croswell, burn ed with its contents, about 200 tons of hay and a quantity of tow. Owing to a strong wind which was blowing the fire company could not control the flames and tops of houses adjacent were often on Loss about \$3,000, with small in-

Attempt at Child Murder. baby a few days old, wrapped in white flannel, was found lying on the railroad track near Coloma by P. H. Hugrins, Jr., a laboring man, who was on his way home from work. The child's head was placed on one of the rails, showing a clear intention to have the child killed by a passenger train which swept past soon after the body was found.

Fire Does \$10,000 Damage. Fire broke out in the big stock of the Fred Macey Furniture Co. at Grand Rapids and did \$10,000 worth of damage. The shipping clerk was in one of the stock rooms with a lighted taper when there was an explosion, probably from unused gas, and the whole place was afire. It is fully insured.

Fatul Boiler Explosion. The boiler in John E. Riter's sawmill at the hamlet of Sylvester exploded, killng David Zimmerman, aged 70, and Jas. Moffitt, aged 25. Oscar Zimmerman, a spectator, was severely injured. The mill vas demolished. The cause of the explosion is unknown

Life Had No Charm for Him. John Harrevoets, a Grand Rapids gro-cer, 37 years old, was found dead in his room at the rear of the store. His wife had left him and he was despondent, and it is believed he committed suicide.

State News in Brief. Port Huron ice companies have raised this season's rate \$1. Calhoun County school officers have

Battle Creek claims to have been the ome of seventy-nine authors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Booth of Eau Claire celebrated their golden wedding. The total assessment of Port Huron as fixed by the board of review is \$7,000,-

*Harry C. Hyer was sentenced to thirty days in jail at Charlotte for jumping a

Mrs. Eliza Minock of Fenton has been granted a divorce from John K. Minnock. She also secures liberal alimony.

Orville Briggs, a Kalamo township farmer, accidentally shot himself while hunting, and is dead from his injuries. Hiram Taylor was arrested at Owosse charged with attempting to wreck & Michigan Central train near Henderson. He confessed.

Christian and Henry Matthews, Harry and Wm. Kruse and Wm. and Fred Kracht have left Macomb County for the Cape Nome gold fields.

The Franklin cheese factory operated by Fred M. Warner netted its patrons the past year 82 cents more per 100 pounds of milk than ever before.

Henry Quick, a well-known farmer living a mile east of Cassopolis, fell from the loft of his barn and broke his neck, dying instantly. He was 79 years old. At Westphall while burning some rubhish the clothing of Mrs. Elizabeth Hale caught fire and she was burned to death.

She was 67 years old and lived alone. Miss Mamie Mills and Carl W. Jones of Spokane, Wash., were married at Kal-gmazoo. The bride is a sister of Frank R. Mills, a well-known actor now in La

The residence of J. A. Scripture of Acme burned. Fire was caused by a defective chimney. Loss \$800, no insur-

Dr. Toyama, the first Japanese ctudent graduated from the University of Michigan, is dead in Japan. He graduated in 1876. He had been one of the most prominent men in Japan, having served in the imperial university as professor of sociology, dean of the literary department and finally president.

ment and finally president. The strike of the Franklin Mining Co.'s 100 miners at the Junior mines has been ettled and the miners have returned to

Battle Creek sportsmen have organized a game club and leased 3,000 acres of land in Leroy township for game pre-serves, which will be kept stocked with all sorts of small game.

Dr. J. B. Hulst, son-in-law of Consul John Stekatee at Grand Rapids may go to the Transvaal as a representaof Hollanders in Michigan, to persoually ascertain the situation there the aced of relief for sufferers.

A. R. Kenn, Sr., of Port Huron has been in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway for forty-one years.

William Holdridge, aged 20 years, a weil-known young man, died at Holly of disease contracted at Camp Alger during the Spanish-American war.

The demand for nursery stock is The demand for nursery stock is un-paralleled in the history of the industry, and it is questionable if the supply is any-where near adequate to the market. Monroe has for many years been consid-ered one of the greatest nursery centers of the United States, but at no time in the past has the volume of business reach-

tion of building a new church of There were 3,133 deaths in Michigan in March, the rate being 15.4 per 1,000

The grocery business of Davis & Sea-bolt of Ann Arbor has been sold to Rin-sey & Seabolt.

The City Savings Bank of Mt. Clemens, apital \$50,000, has filed articles with the eretury of State.

The building of the Sanitas Nut Food Co. at Battle Creek burned. Loss \$11,-000, insurance \$4,000. Lucy Hule, aged 16 years, of Marion township, was killed by a window falling and breaking her neck.

Lapeer is trying to induce the strong Manufacturing Co. of Flint to love its factory to Lapeer. The Bay Cities' Consolidated Street Railway Co. will build a \$50,000 power house this sprnig at Bay City.

The combination formed at Kalam to raise the price of ice cream soda 10 cents a glass has been broken. The Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids, has acquired a controlling interest the Peninsular Trust Co. of that city.

The coal mines at Corunna may ele down owing to the increased cost of pro-duction, which consumers refuse to share. Maude McQueer, the 9-year-old daughter of Ed. McQueer of Maple City, died rom the effects of poison from canned

The Puritan Corset Co. has begun erations at Kalamazoo. It will turn out 100 dozen corsets per day and will give employment to fifty hands. Orpha L. Taylor of Hillsdale, a well-

known singer, has been granted a divorce from her husband, and has assumed her maiden name, Orpha L. Kinne. Maple Rapids will endeavor to raise 25,000 to secure the location in that vil-

lage of the power house of the propose Lansing-St. Louis electric railway. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beach of Berries Springs have celebrated their golden wed-ding anniversary. The couple have lived

in Berrien County for forty-six years. The North American Chemical Co. Bay City has let a contract to a No York firm to put in a system of compress ed air pumps to raise the brine from the

Leander Opsimer, aged 70 years, living in Merritt township, has been robbed of \$150, his savings of many years. He would not trust banks and kept the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway offi

cials say they will put on hourly service between Port Huron and Detroit, and will also cut the rate to compete with the new electric road. Attorney General Oren says that where private banks are situated in townships different from those in which the owners reside, these banks are to be assessed in

the townships where the business is car ried on. Judge George P. Wanty of the United States District Court at Grand Rapids has appointed as commissioners Ira C. Jennings of Escanaba, Belmont Waples of Ironwood and Henry Hoffman of St.

Ignace. J. F. Wildermuth, proprietor of the Wildermuth House at Owosso, has purchased the Merell House for \$5,850. will probably be run as an annex of the Wildermuth Hotel under the same man-

The body found near Zilwaukee been identified as that of John Loeffler of Kochville. It is thought that he wan dered aimlessly into the cornfield and, becoming exhausted, fell down and died. He was 85 years old. Dr. Andre Beziat De Bordes,

in romance and language at Kalamazoo College, has been invited to Columbia University of New York to take the chair of literature and languages in that insti-tution, and has accepted. It has been discovered that Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kan., was once a barefooted boy in Lansing. Some thirty years ago his father, Rev. Stewart Sheldon, was paster of Plymonth Congrega-

tional Church of that place. The records of the register's Oakland County show that 5,150 mort-gages were filed from Jan. 1, 1885, to

Jan. 1, 1900. With the exception of the year 1895 every year since 1885 has shown a decrease in the number filed. A Detroit and Mackinac freight train and a switch engine drawing six cars col lided head on in West Bay City. engine crews, except Engineer Bipman of the freight train, jumped and escaped.

Shipman was scalded on the face an hands, but not seriously. Muskegon County Supervisors by a vote of 25 to 3 decided to resubmit to the people the proposition to raise a two-mill tax in 1901 and a similar tax in 1902 for the erection of a new count; alms-house. The proposition was showed un-

der at the spring election. John W. Roat of Burton was dirorce from his wife Mary on Jan. 22 last, the defendant not putting in an appearance A few days ago he appeared at the coun cy clerk's office and took out a licease to remarry her, claiming she was the only

woman he had ever loved. Judge O. W. Coolidge in the Oircuit Court at St. Joseph quashed the case against William H. Thompson, a fruit hüyer, arrested for violation of the new State law forbidding soliciting fruit and vegetables except by persons paying \$10 license fee and furnishing a \$5,000 bond. The case was a test, the defendant hav ing the support of all solicitors, and, it is claimed, a combine of the fruit dealers of South Water street, Chicago, backed Mr. Thompson in his fight. At the first trinl, in a justice court, Thompson was found guilty as charged, but the latest ruing is taken by the fruit men as a de

cisive victory. Mr. Shilling of Bentley's Corners un-earthed the skeleton of a man while dig-ging in a sand pit on his farm. It is thought the body had been buried for

many years.

Miss May Kellar, known at Bear Lake as "Aunt Mary," got tired of living end took a big dose of paris green. She had been in poor health of late years, and way about 60 years old.

M. Yahmatter, aged 18 years, went to work in an Alpena mill to learn the business. Two hours later he was taken home

minus his right hand, which had come is Fred Maulbetsch of Superior has a cow which gave birth to triplets. The calves

which gave birth to triplets. The calves are doing well and the chances are that they will all live.

Alexander Schlupe, who died recently at Ann Arbor, left his widow and child in destitute circumstances. A brother of Schlupe, living in Switzerland, will care for them.

care for them. Word has been received at Niles that Licut. Frank J. Morrow of that city was seriously wounded in the leg at the but the of Camaline in the Philippines, it April. Lieut. Morrow is a son of the ign Maj. Gen. Henry A. Morrow. He so longed to the Seventeenth United State infantry.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUGHTS WORTHY OF GALN

cant, Interesting, and Instru son, and Where It May Be Found-A Learned and Concise Re view of the Same.

"Jesus and John the Baptist" is the subject of the lesson for April 29. The sortion of Scripture selected is Luke 7: 8-28. The Golden Text is Mark 7: 37. After the healing of the centurion's sevant Jesus raised the son of a widow a Nain (Luke 7: 11-17). This miracle cau ed fear and wonder among the people and the reports of Jesus' deeds spread mare widely than before. The rumor reached even John the Baptist in his prison at the fortress of Machaerus of the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. He had been confined there by Herod the tetrarch on account of his bold denuncia-tion of that monarch's sinful marriage. It appears that during the earlier months of his imprisonment he was allowed to see visitors, and some of his faithful disciples who had clung by him through thick and thin brought him word of the increasing fame of Jesus.

The question, what did John the Bap-

tist think of Jesus at this time, will nev-er be entirely answered. We know that at an earlier time the Baptist had no doubt that Jesus was the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." Whether grave doubts had arisen, or merely suspicions, or still more likely the inevitable wavering of a man left long in loneliness and looking death in the face. we cannot tell. John may have retained his full confidence in Jesus and yet have desired an unmistakable and concrete con firmation of his faith. Certainly there was nothing dishonorable or weak in his temporary uncertainty, if we may judge by the lofty praise bestowed upon him by Jesus (vs. 24-35).

Explanatory.

The frankness of John's inquiry mus have been attractive to Jesus. Ther was nothing about John that was not straightforward. If he had a doubt he expressed it unequivocally to the one per son who could dispel it. How few doubt ers are willing to do that! When doubts about divine things come to us, we are apt to shut our eyes to the little light that is left, and to grope in darkness for some new support. It is always a safe rule to carry one's questionings to the Master. He has never yet been known

to turn away an honest doubter. With what keen interest John's messen pers must have watched the work of healing as it went on before their eyes It is at any time a sight that touches one's sympathies and arouses one's encian or nurse by the bedside of one su ferer after another, and to see the pair soothed, the wounds dressed, the strength revived, and this even with the slow processes of medical science. How much more wonderful to stand beside Jesus in the midst of a crowd of the maimed, the diseased, the leprous, the afflicted of evas one after another goes gladly away in

health and strength.

The blind have their sight restored, the lame, the lepers and the deaf are healed, the dead are raised, and good news is heralded to the poor; these are the proofs of Messiahship, the answer to John's

question, the fulfillment of prophecy.

It may be that John had expected from Jesus more of the sterner and more pro phetic teaching, something like a warning of judgment; John's own preaching had been of that sort, and "the king dom" was in his mind associated with a stirring of human consciences, a searching of hearts, an abasement before God found in Jesus' preaching, but not in just the form that John may have expected; and at this particular time healing was most prominent. Jesus seeks, therefore, not merely to answer the question of his forerunner, but to broaden his thought of the Messianic kingdom.

Jesus was not given to praising men. Few cases are recorded in which he took occasion to commend publicly any of his disciples. He showed his constant appre-ciation of their fidelity in many ways, but seldom by what could be called praise. But here he spoke of John the Baptist in terms of loftiest praise, as men speak of their heroes. There is a peculiar charm in the incident; a glimpse into the win-some character of Jesus, which was absolutely incapable of anything approach ing jealousy or harsh-judgment. He de-fends John from even the suspicion of fends John from even the suspicion of weakness. He stands up for a man that cannot stand up for himself. "John," he says to the people, "is all that you supposed him to be. You did not go off in the wilderness to listen to a man who was fickle and weak, bending like the reed, or gorgeously clothed like a courtier; he was and still is of another mold—a prophet."

"This is he of whom it is written, Behold I send my messenger before thy

hold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." The prophecy is Mal. 3: 1. The Jews expected Elijah to return in person before the coming of the Mes Jesus declares unequivocally that John is the prophet or messenger promised in

prophecy.
"Not a greater prophet than John";
because John stood nearest to the Messiah, and was most intimately connected with the advent of the world's Savior; as well as because his personal character was so strong and noble. Yet in privilege and opportunity, "he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

The verses that follow are important. See Matt. 11: 12-19 and Luke 7: 29-35. In Matthew appears the obscure saying, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and nien of violence take it by force." In both gospels appears the rebuke of the people for their inconsistency; they turned away from John because he was an ascetic, and from Jesus because he was not. The world has not because in this respect. It turns away changed in this respect. It turns away from one leader because he is too narrow, and from another because he is too broad in his views; from one because he is too in his views; from one because he is too domineering, and from another because he is too gentle. Men have always some excuse ready for not doing their duty. But the nobility of John's career is in no way lessened—this is the summing up of Jesus' tribute—by his lack of seeming success, by the fickleness of men, or by his ignominious end.

Next Lesson-"Jesus Warning and Inviting."-Matt. 11: 20-30.

"What's the difference between a bet and a wager?" asked the man who thinks there are too many words in the

English language. "A bet," said the friend who always wears a dress coat after 6 o'clock, "is comething you make with a man, which has to be paid, no matter who sees. A wager is something more re-ned. It's made with a woman, and is ot considered collectible unless she rins."—Washington Star.



On Monday the House joint res providing for the election of United States Senators by the people was laid before the Senate and after debate was referred to the companies are related. the Senate and after debate was referred to the committee on privileges and elections. During almost the entire session the Senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the digtrict was perfected, after a discussion lasting nearly four hours. In the House consideration of the naval appropriation bill began, its provisions being explained by Mr. Foss, the acting chairman of the naval committee.

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The Senate on Tuesday heard Senator Hoar speak against the retention of the Philippines, and then resumed considera-tion of the Alaskan civil code bill. In the House the second day of debate upon the naval appropriation bill was confined closely to the subject matter of the bill. The questions of armor plate and the building of warships in Government yards attracted most attention. The Senate on Wednesday passed a res-

olution introduced by Mr. Mason appro-priating \$25,000 for bronze medals, to be distributed by the Secretary of the Navy among certain officers and men of the North Atlantic squadron who partici-nated in payal engagements during the pated in naval engagements during the war with Spain. Devoted the rest of the day to consideration of the Alaskan civil code bill. The House debated the naval appropriation bill under the five-minute rule. A motion to strike from the bill the contingent fund of \$500,000 for the Navy Department was defeated. Conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was adopted.

In accordance with the recommendation of the President in his message the Sen-ate on Thursday passed a joint resolution providing for the administration of civil affairs in Porto Rico, pending the appointment of officers under the Porto Rican Government law recently enacted. The Alaskan civil code bill was again under consideration, the debate continuing on the Hansborough alien miners' amendment. Mr. Carter presented formally his substitute for the Hansbrough amend-ment and delivered a speech in support of it. Mr. Spooner antagonized both the original and substitute amendments, holding that the courts ought to settle the coning that the courts ought to settle the conflicting claims without interference by Congress. The House spent the day considering the naval bill in committee of the whole. The most important action was the striking out of an appropriation of \$100,000 for the use of the navy in making surveys and charts of the waters of our new island possessions. The regular appropriation of \$10,000 was put in the bill, the work to be done by the constant greatest survey.

and geodetic survey. On Friday the Senate had under consideration the conference report on the Hawaiian civil government measure. Final action upon it was postponed until Saturday. The Alaskan civil code bill was considered for a brief time. Foraker pronounced a eulogy on Lorenze Danford, a former Representative from Ohio, and the Senate adopted resolutions expressive of its sorrow. In the House after protracted discussion of the naval appropriation bill the provision enabling the Secretary of the Trensury to contract for Krupp armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, at \$545 a ton was ruled out of the bill. Also the provision to repeal the \$300 limitation placed upon the price of armor by the current which authorizes two battleships and six cruisers, were defeated. One proposed to add provision for six gunboats and the other to strike out the provision for the

battleships. The Senate on Saturday agreed to the resolution of Mr. Bacon asking the Sec-retary of War for information relating to the extra allowance for army officers stationed in Cuba and Porto Rico. The Quay resolution was taken up and Mr. Perkins (Cal.) spoke in favor of seating Mr. Quay as a Senator from Pennsylvania on the appointment of the Governor. At the conclusion of Mr. Perkins' speech the Quay case was laid aside un-til Monday. The House passed a naval appropriation bill without a record vote. As adopted the measure provides for two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers. The \$545 figure on armor was stricken out. After 1 p. m. the House devoted itself to eulogies of the late Representative Settle of Ken-

At the National Capital, Delagoa Bay Railway award will be A 20,000-acre buffalo reserve in Ne

Mexico is favored. No more superimposed turrets are be used on warships. Our Philippine army consists of 63 585 officers and men.

Havana and Pinar del Rio departments have been consolidated. Pure food legislation is expected to be

Tawney's repeal of war tax proposes will only cut off \$364,904 a year. Mail bag repair shops may be moved to Columbus, Ohio. More central. Manila customs receipts were \$2,916, 870 in 1807 and \$3,825,150 last year.

At Indian Head proving ground armor plate resisted the atack of 10-inch guns. Senator Morgan carried every county, and the Alabamaian will be back in the Senate to fight for the Nicaraguan canal Secretary Root wishes to have national guardsmen in the artillery service act

as first relief for the guns of the coast Secretary Hitchcock declines to pay the Cherokees \$4,500,000 under the Slade-

Bendee award. Ways and means committee will con sider removal of check and receipt tax in view of growing surplus.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has asked Gov. Johnston of Alabama to call a special election to elect his successor to Congress.

Secretary Root declines to make changes in the army canteens. Malt liquors will still be sold by civilians.

Representative Gillette will introduce a bill barring from statehood newly acquired dependencies of the United States.

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Hawley has introduced a bill provid-ing \$2,500 for reburial in Arlington and proper marking of graves of 264 Con federates.

Gen. Daviss will spend \$4,000,000 on good roads in Porto Rico, \$500,000 on school houses and, \$500,000 as circum-stances shall direct.

Long wants change in cadet law that there may be sufficient officers to put in commission ships now ready for sea, and others under construction.

In exports of brendstuffs decrease over March, 1800, in \$2,000,000; cattle and hogs, \$1,000,000; provisions, \$1,000,000; cotton, \$22,000,000; mineral oils, \$1,200,000;